

# SONIC

## THE COMIC

NEW  
SONIC  
STORY

PLUS...  
**KNUCKLES!**  
**TAILS!**  
**SHINING FORCE!**  
**ECCO & ZONE!**  
**BADNIK PIN-UP!**



# SONIC GROOM!

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE WORLD OF SONIC THE COMIC (STC) & SEGA. PRESENTED BY YOUR HOST, MEGADROID.

# CONTROL ZONE

## A FLUFFY FIRST - CHICKLES!

Meet Sonic's new feathery friend, Chickles in the nest eggdition of STC! The Freedom Fighters are put in a scramble when a strange alien egg lands in the Mushroom Omelette Zone! Chickles stuns Badniks with his power pecks and Doctor Robotnik gets up to his usual fowl deeds.



Hey, Boomers!

**APRIL FOOL!** I tried to stop them, but the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge thought they'd try and catch you out with the spoof front cover and character above. I know you weren't really fooled so let's just humour them!

This issue is also a cracking Easter eggstravaganza, so be warned, there's cheep yolks ahead. Don't believe me? Well, there's an eggcellent complete Sonic story, Smokey and the Badnik. Knuckles and Captain Plunder have an uneggspected surprise on board the Ghost Ship! The new Shining Force comes together in Part 3 of the eggceedingly good series, plus, it's out of the frying pan and into the fire for Tails in Fox on the Run.

There's also some of your eggseptional drawings, a hoppening Splats Badnik pin-up and an Eggo, I mean Ecco in The Tides of Time Q Zone Special.

I must eggsit now, but remember, keep reading STC! You know you can't beat it!

*Megadroid*

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CHARTS  
COMPILED  
BY  
GALLUP



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- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
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- 3 ● PREMIER MANAGER
- 4 ● MICRO MACHINES '96
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- 10 ● PSYCHO PINBALL

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- 5 ● DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
- 6 ↑ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 7 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
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- 9 RE JAMES POND 2 - ROBODOD
- 10 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME



COMPLETE  
STORY

# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG™

## Smokey and the Badnik

Script: NIGEL KITCHING

Art: RICHARD ELSON

Lettering: ELLIE DE'VILLE

MY NAME IS SMOKEY  
AND I LIVE IN  
METROPOLIS CITY.

DUE FOR  
DEMOLITION  
KEEP OUT

IT WAS NICE  
AROUND HERE IN  
THE OLD DAYS.

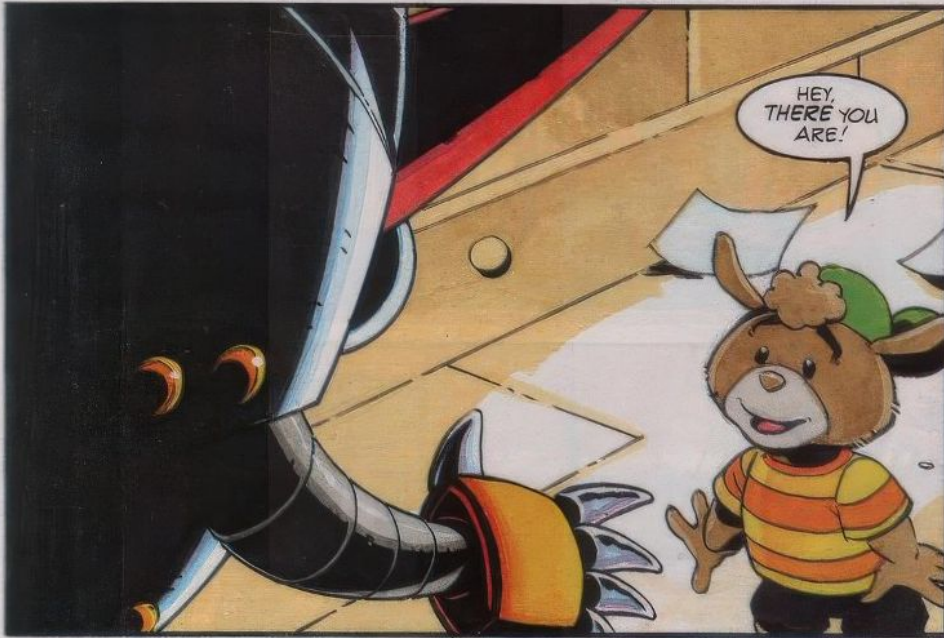
METROPOLIS  
EAST  
LEISURE  
CENTRE

I USED TO COME  
SWIMMING HERE  
EVERY SATURDAY.

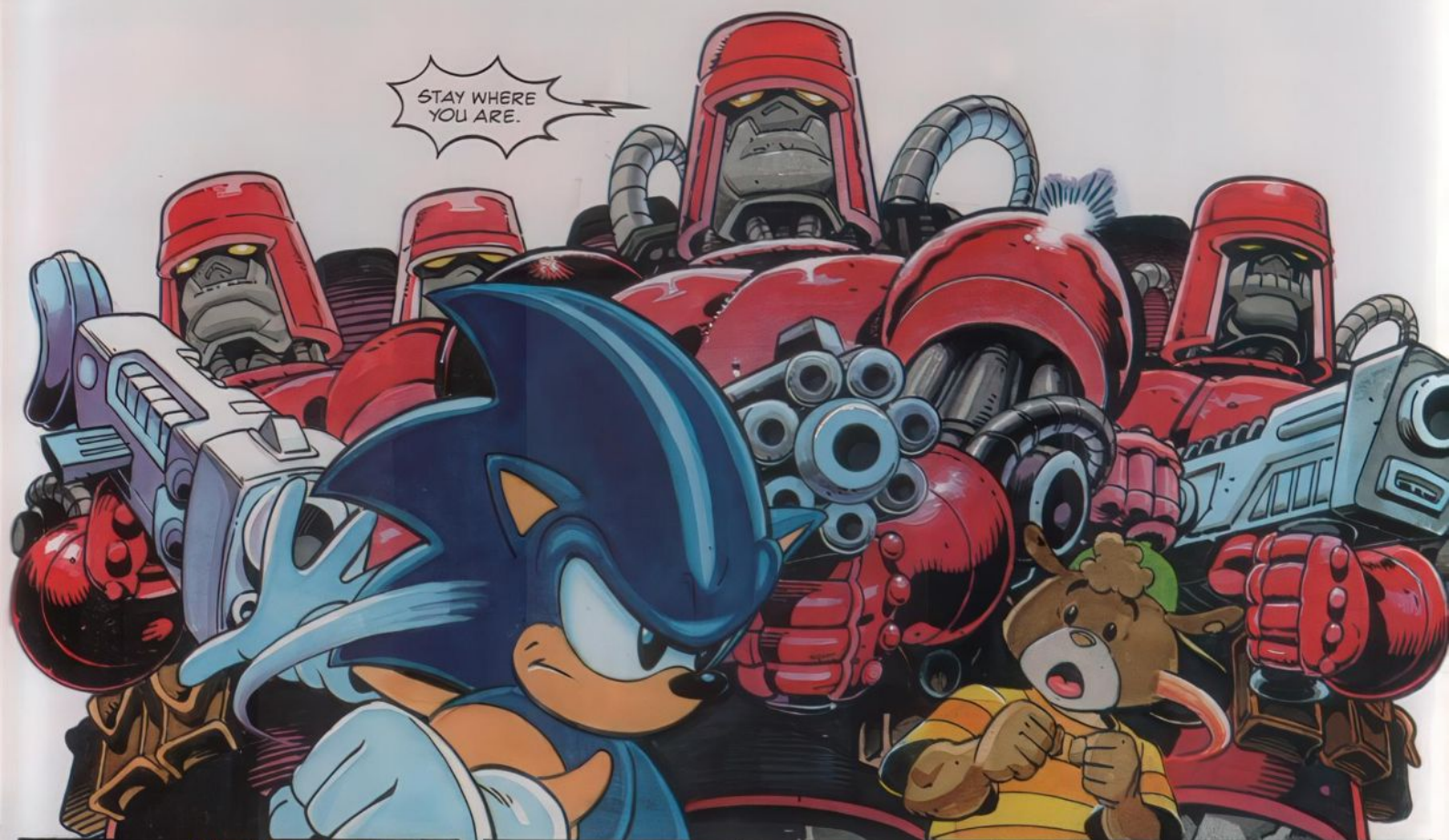
CRAGGSY  
WAZ  
ERE!

BUT THOSE WERE THE  
DAYS BEFORE DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK!









STAY WHERE YOU ARE.



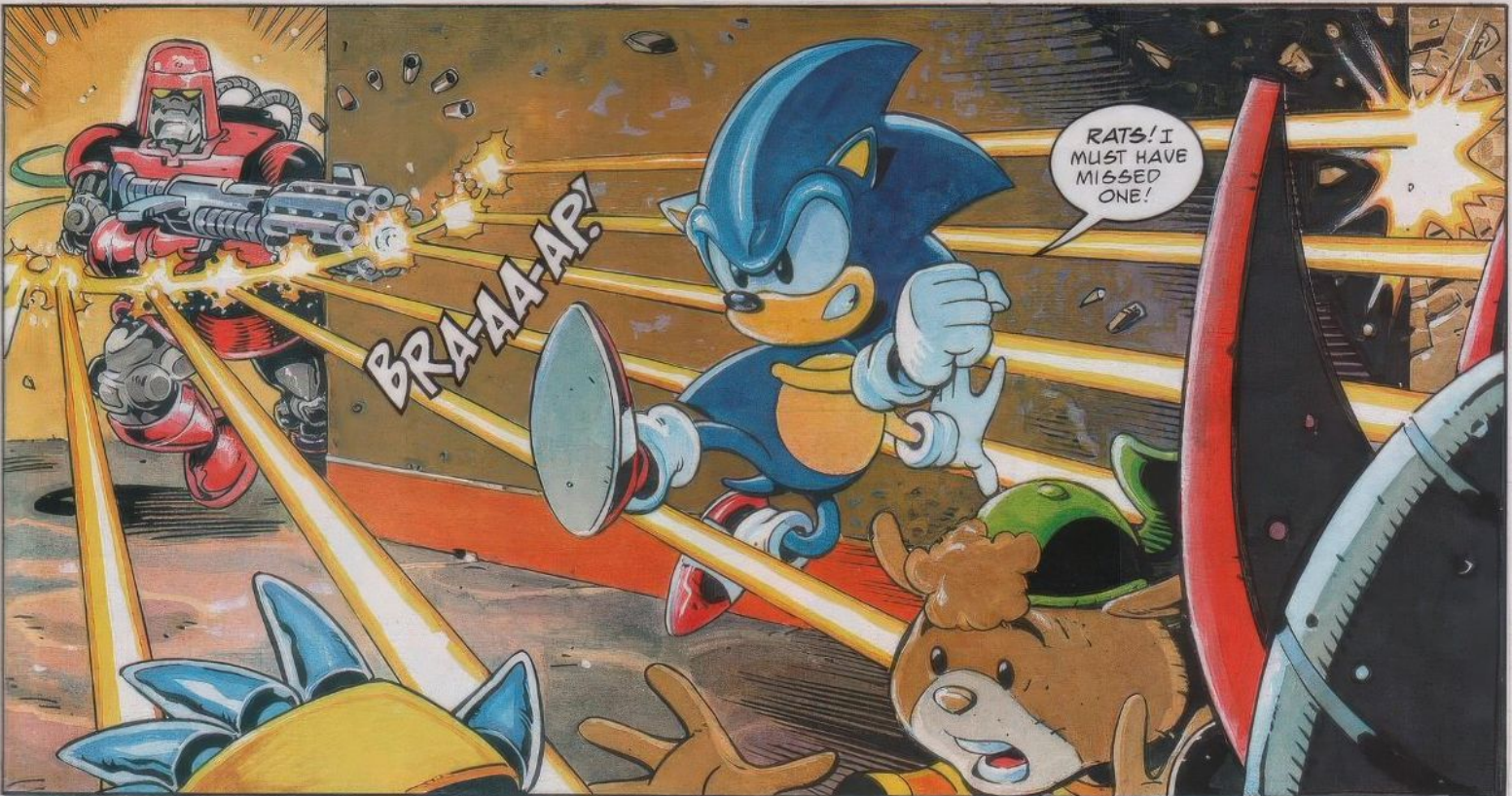
RUN FOR IT, KID!  
IT'S ME THEY WANT!



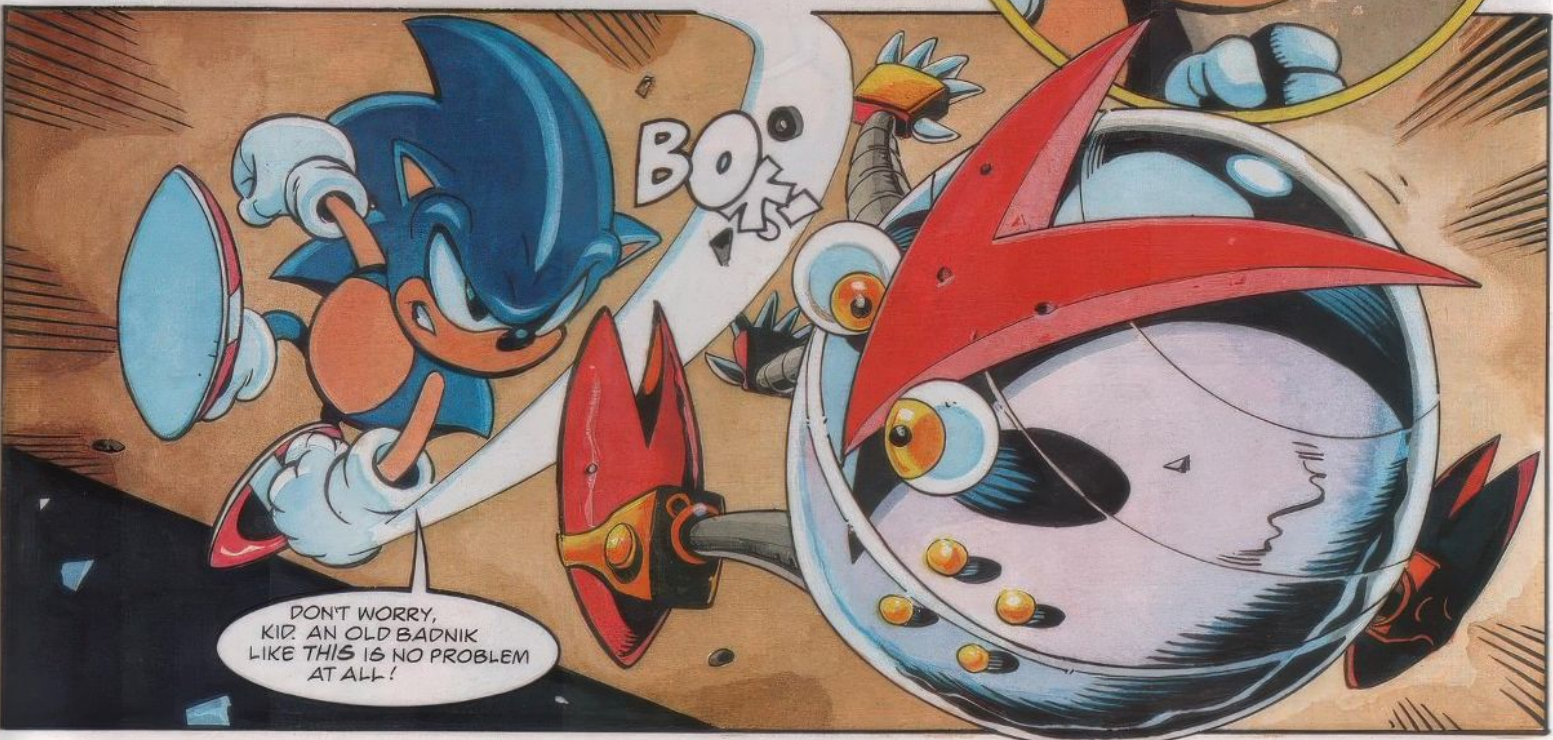
BADNIK, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!

IF SONIC FINDS YOU, IT'LL BE ALL OVER FOR US!







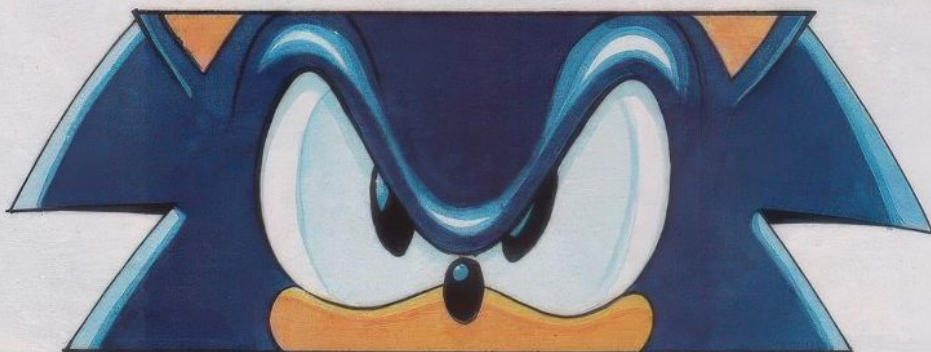






YOUR FRIEND? NO WAY, KID!

NOBODY KNOWS BADNIKS LIKE I DO... THEY'RE A MENACE! NOW STAND ASIDE!





NEXT MORNING.

CITIZEN SMOKEY, WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

OH.

WE'RE TRYING TO RECOVER A MISSING BADNIK. OUR SOURCES SUGGEST THAT YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION...

YES. HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND...

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM ANY MORE... SONIC SMASHED HIM! HE SAID ALL BADNIKS HAD TO BE DESTROYED... NO EXCEPTIONS!

IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN COME OUT NOW!

SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TODAY?

I DON'T MIND.

HEY, I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD TALK!

YOU NEVER ASKED!

NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG DECISION!

END



# GRAPHIC ZONE

SHOW STC WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER.  
BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

I'm all ears!



Tracy Hawken,  
Thornbury, Bristol.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

Who said chocolate  
rots teeth?

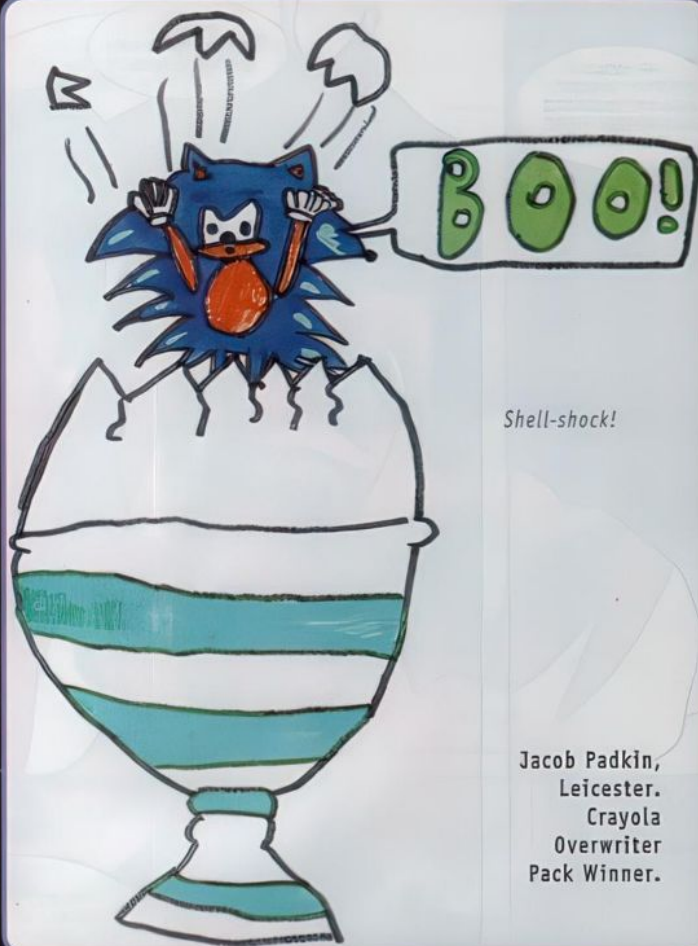


Robbie Gibbon,  
Luton, Beds.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.



Ryan Fish,  
Leicester.  
MD owner.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.





Shell-shock!

Jacob Padkin,  
Leicester.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

Robotnik with egg  
on his face!



Simon Palmer, Middlesex. MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

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Graphic Zones, please take note of the following  
tips:-

- \* Draw in paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper  
(avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they  
don't show up as well when printed).
- \* Be original and don't copy pictures from the

comic - come up with your own ideas.

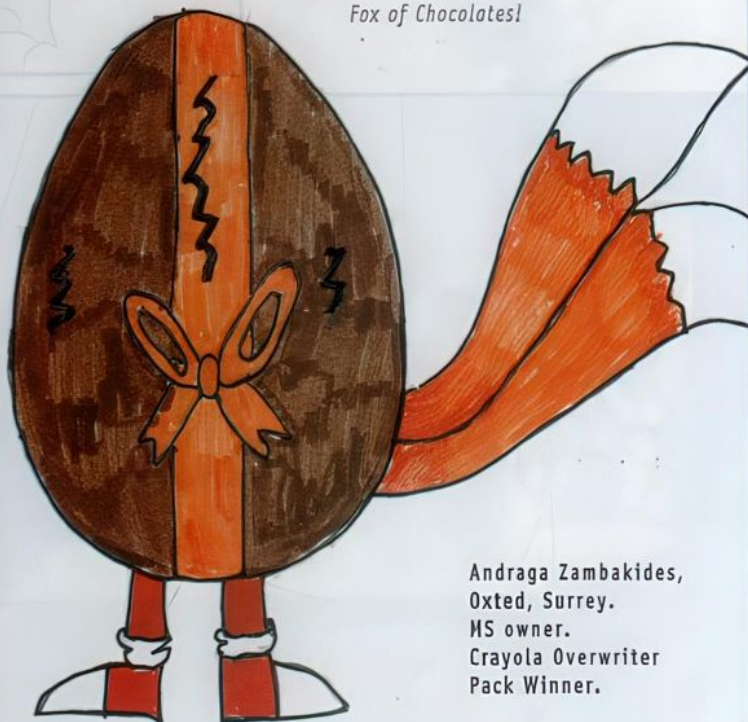
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written in capital letters on the back of  
the page.
- \* Send artwork to:  
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Hare raising  
Echidna?

Matthew  
Rutherford.  
Salmond House.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.



Fox of Chocolates!

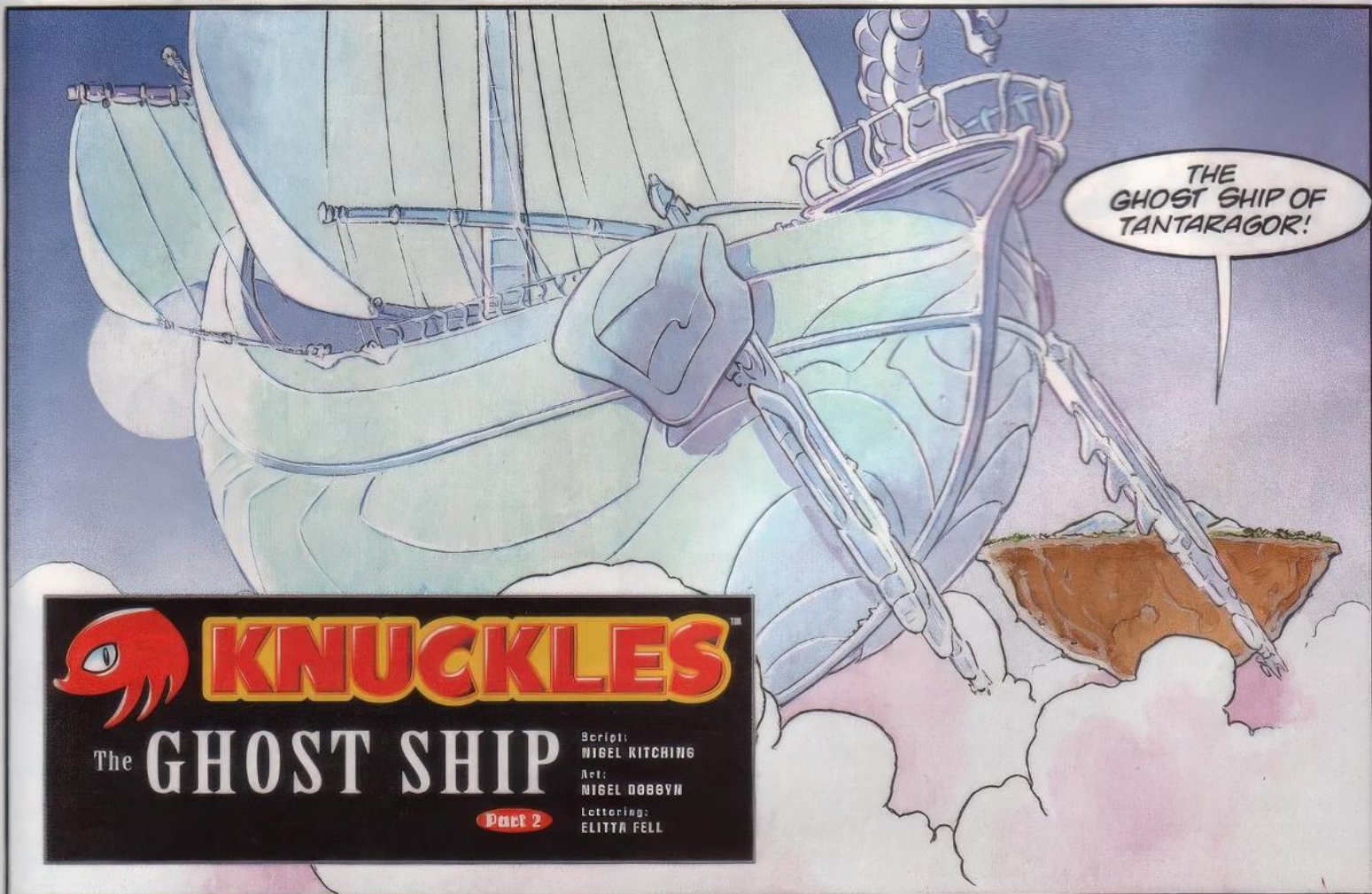


Andraga Zambakides,  
Oxted, Surrey.  
MS owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

EACH ARTIST-HUME  
WHO GETS THEIR  
HANDYWORK PRINTED  
IN STC WILL RECEIVE  
A PACK OF CRAYOLA  
OVERWRITER COLOUR  
FIBRE-TIPPED PENS.











OKAY, PLUNDER,  
WE'VE FOUND YOUR  
GHOST SHIP...

NOW  
IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO HAND OVER THOSE  
PLANS OF THE FLOATING  
ISLAND YOU SAY YOU  
HAVE!



YOU  
REMEMBER...YOU  
SAID THEY WOULD BE  
JUST THE THING I NEEDED  
TO HELP ME REPAIR THE  
TECHNICAL SYSTEMS  
ON THE FLOATING  
ISLAND!



I DON'T HAVE  
'EM ON ME, LAD!

NO, I  
KEEP 'EM SAFE  
'N' SOUND BACK IN  
ME PIRATE'S  
HIDEAWAY!

IF  
THIS IS A  
TRICK!



I PROMISE  
EE, LAD, IT'S THE  
TRUTH AS RIGHT  
AS I'M STANDING  
HERE!

I STOLE A  
TRUNK BRIM-FULL OF  
ANCIENT PARCHMENTS ABOUT  
THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM  
A SKY FREIGHTER  
YEARS AGO!



WHERE  
DO EE THINK I  
GOT THE MAP FOR  
THE LOST PYRAMID  
OF SANDOPOLIS  
FROM, EH?

NOW  
LET'S GET TOPSIDE  
AND TAKE A GOOD  
LOOK AT THAT  
GHOST SHIP!

\*SEE STC #47 FOR KNUCKLES' AND THE  
CAPTAIN'S LAST MEETING - Megadroid.













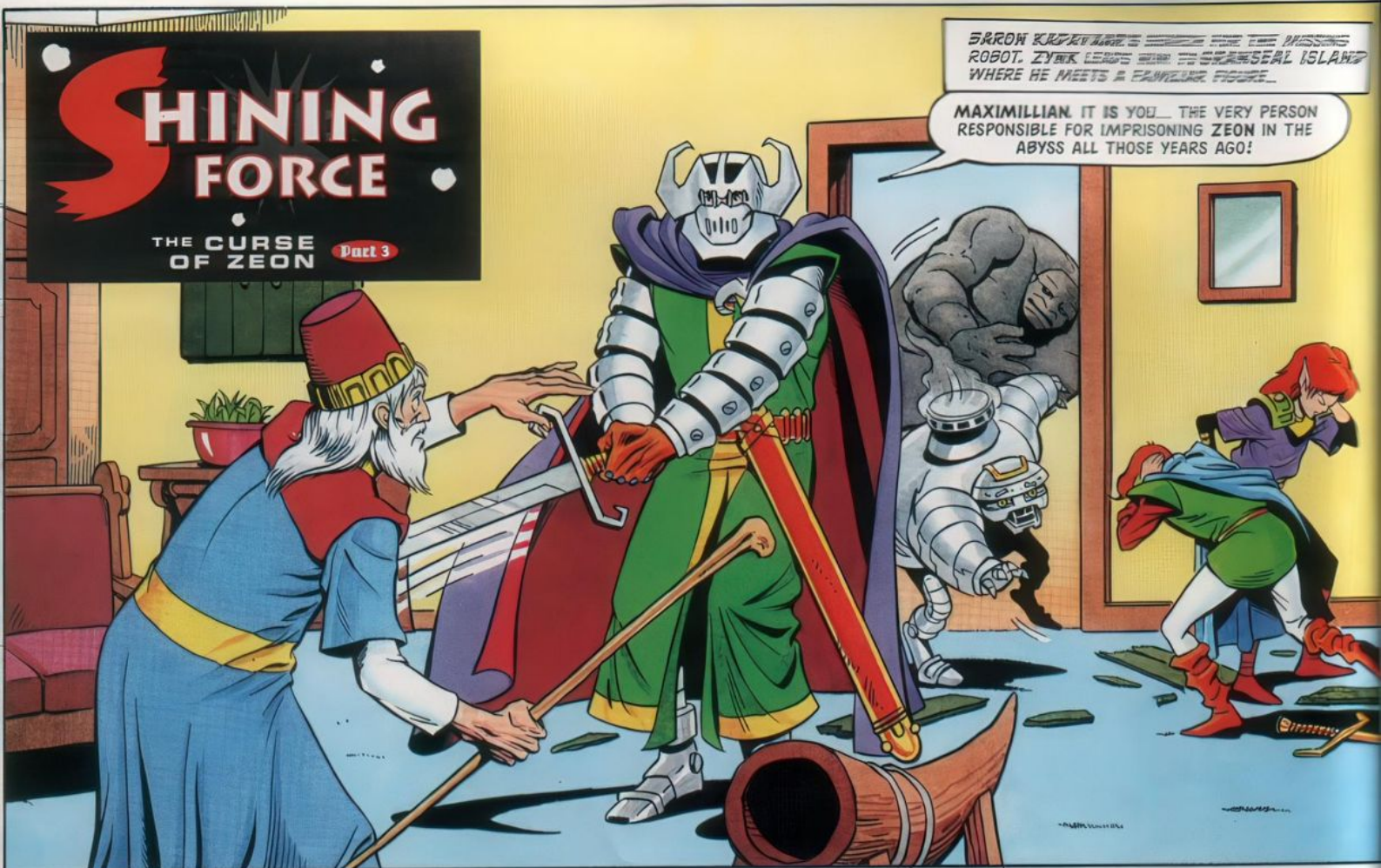


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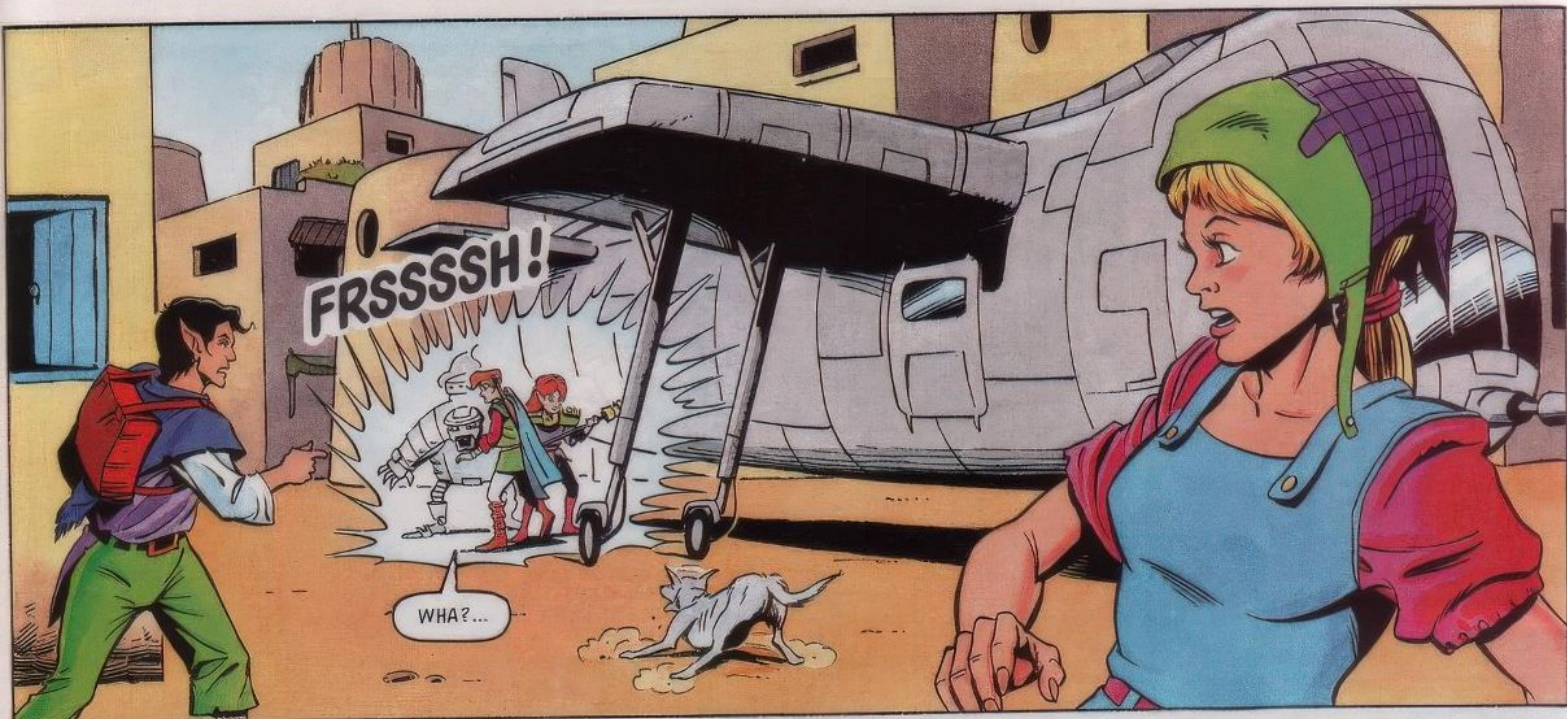
THE CURSE  
OF ZEON **Part 3**

ERON KAPPAURE THE THE PASSING  
ROBOT. ZYK LEADS HIM TO SPASEAL ISLAND  
WHERE HE MEETS A FAVORITE FIGURE...

MAXIMILLIAN. IT IS YOU... THE VERY PERSON  
RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPRISONING ZEON IN THE  
ABYSS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!









BEFORE LONG, ZEON WILL BE RELEASED FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT AND ON THAT DAY ALL THE WORLD WILL TREMBLE!

IT IS A SIX HOUR FLIGHT TO THE VILLAGE OF HASSAN.

THERE IS NO ROOM TO LAND IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF. I WILL HAVE TO PUT DOWN ON THE OUTSKIRTS.

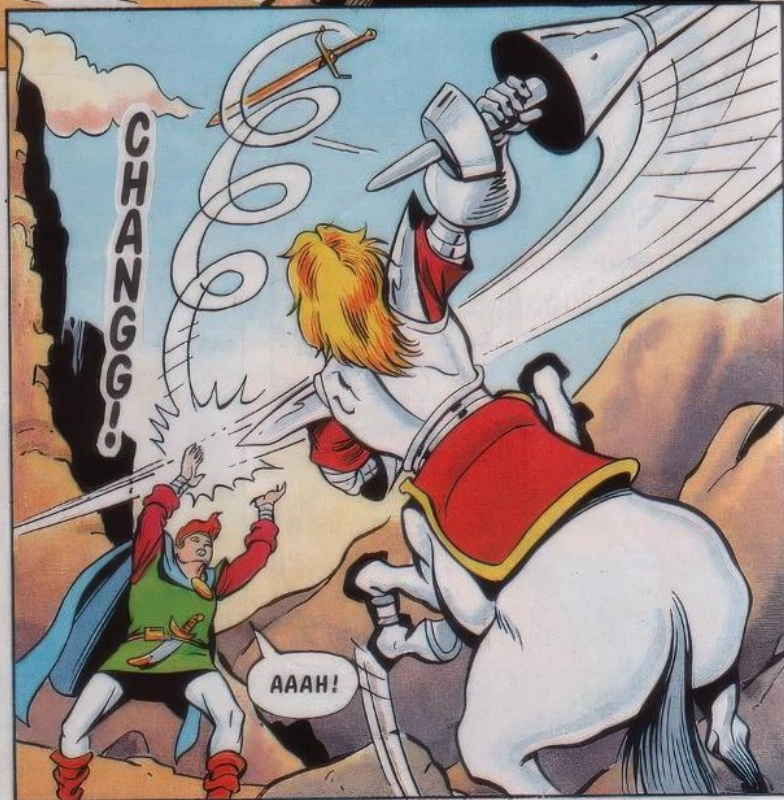
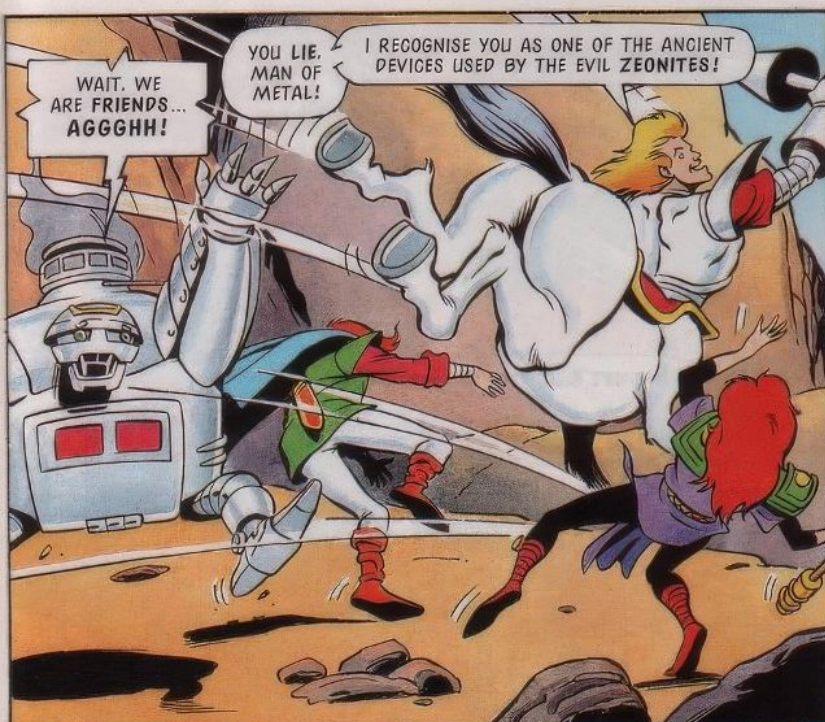
WHAT MAKES GRANDFATHER THINK WE'LL FIND HELP IN A DUMP LIKE HASSAN?

MAXIMILLIAN AND THE REST OF THE ORIGINAL SHINING FORCE VISITED THIS PLACE IN THE OLD DAYS.

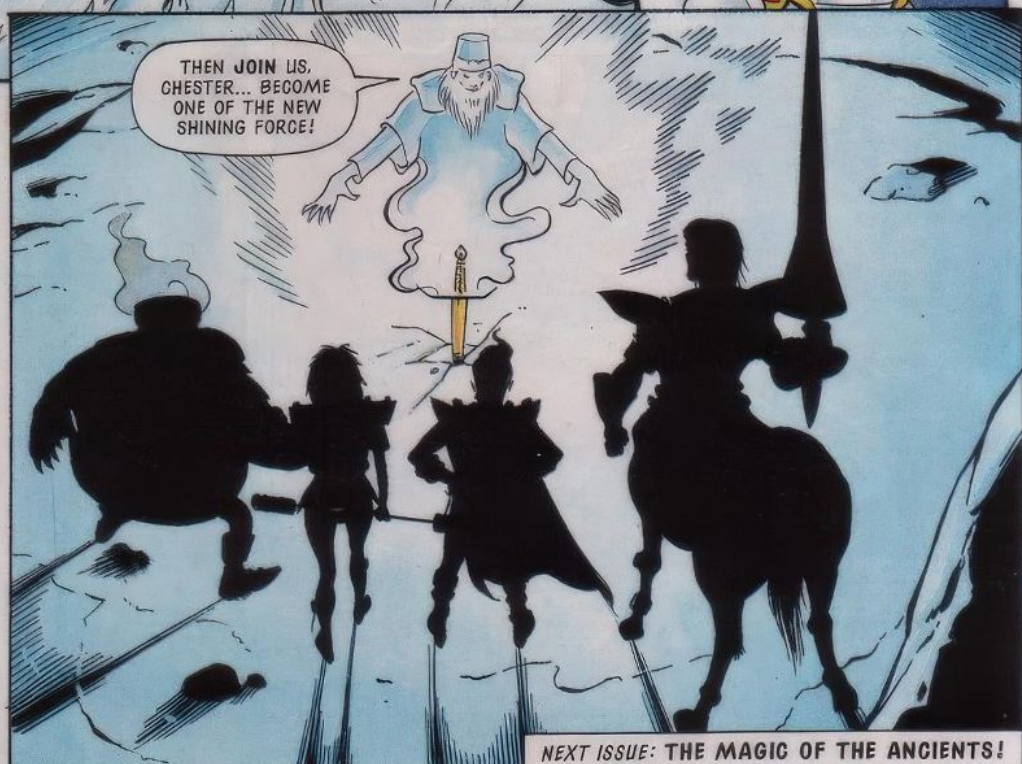
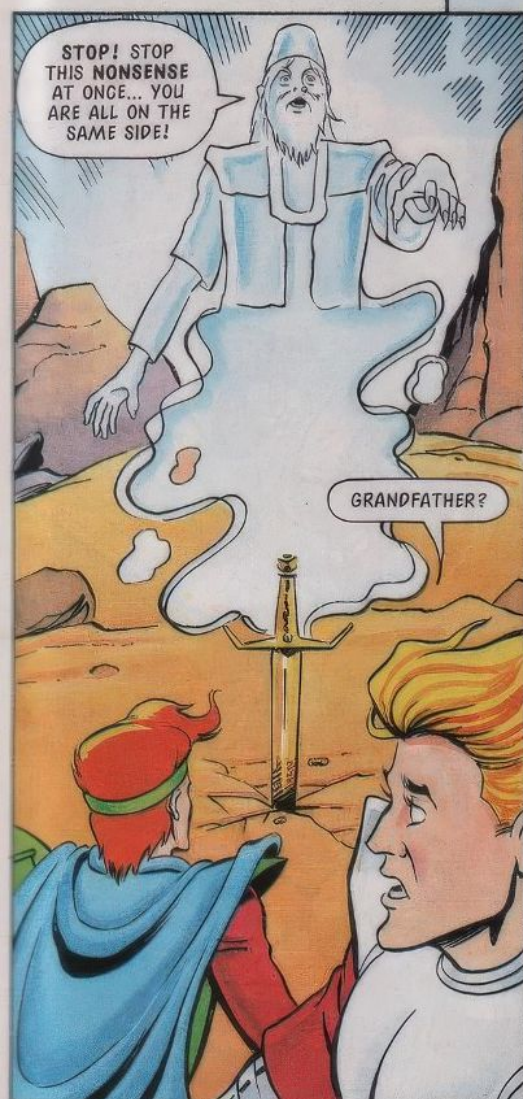
HASSAN IS THE HOME OF A MIGHTY WARRIOR RACE...

STOP, VILLAINS... YOU WILL GO NO FURTHER!









NEXT ISSUE: THE MAGIC OF THE ANCIENTS!





# ZONE

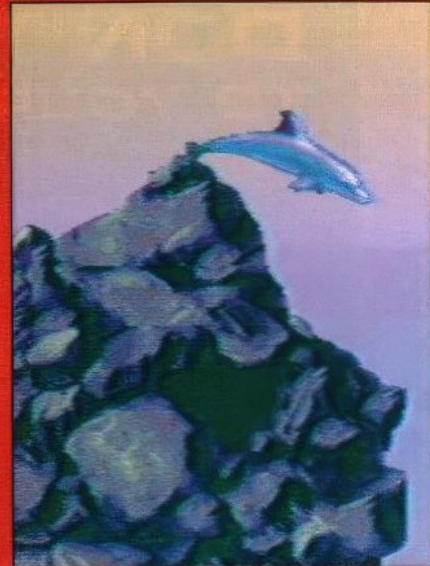
*Q IS FOR QUESTION.*

*Q IS FOR QUERY.*

*Q IS FOR QUANDARY.*

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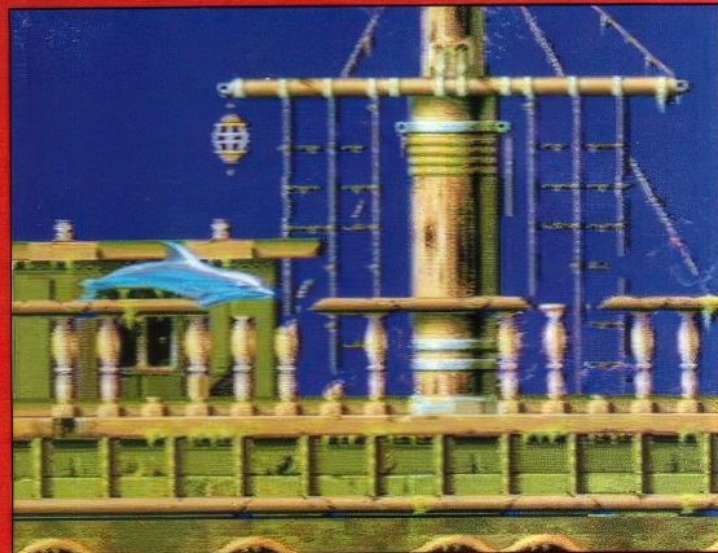
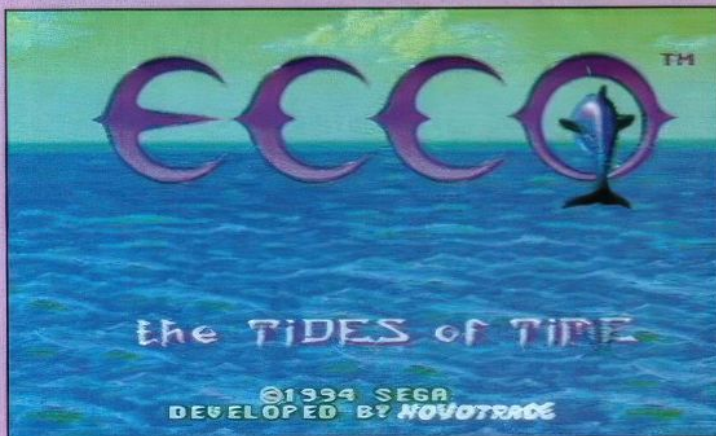
# ECCO

## THE TIDES OF TIME



MEGA  
DRIVE

Chris Jones is on hand for help with Ecco: The Tides of Time.

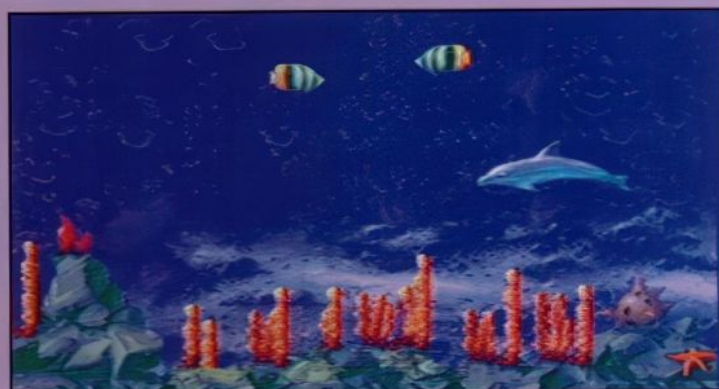


LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	Easy/Default	Hard
1. Home Bay	N/A	N/A
2. Crystal Springs	ASZVCZEB	ESOHTYEB
3. Fault Zone	ESKDLGZA	MEDRXGZA
4. Two Tides	IAMHOZYA	CPKQXXY
5. Skyway	ISLLKODB	UMPISKDB
6. Sky Tides	MUXQDJDB	ESAQYWCB
7. Tube of Medusa	CZXPCEZA	ACHILJYA
8. Aqua Tubeway	hard only	UANGYNY
9. Skylands	WJKDGWEB	CDUNDAFB





LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	<u>Easy/Default</u>	<u>Hard</u>
10. Fin to Feather	CXKRPAXA	QSZGOYXA
11. Eagle's Bay	GVWCJVCB	UEFJLPDB
12. Asterite's Cave	MUXNLTAB	SNZLOYXA
13. Maze of Stone	<i>hard only</i>	ASJVKPXA
14. Four Islands	CZRPDBGB	EEPLGGDB
15. Sea of Darkness	SVPNVMZA	YWJYKPXA
16. Vents of Medusa	CLWBUAZA	OLFUDAZA
17. Gateway	QAYHJAHB	IOTSDAFB
18. Sea of Green	N/A	N/A
19. Moray Abyss	MUJQCBAB	KHAIPYXA
20. Sea of Birds	UOOPOVYA	WHRIHBZA
21. The Eye	AYAYJWSE	MGGMVBRE
22. Big Water	CJHEVWFA	MGKWASGA
23. Deep Ridge	OIROMBOD	OSEXOVOD



LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	<u>Easy/Default</u>	<u>Hard</u>
24. The Hungry Ones	WZWUBBJE	YCRVOFJE
25. Secret Cave	GPHMFQOE	MQRHCRPE
26. Lunar Bay	SLAMEQOE	QUOXCPRPE
27. Black Clouds	SVXBQOKE	ASXAYKLE
28. Gravitorbox	YEYCQBJE	ODJTGAKE
29. Globe Holder	EQVITGJE	GJMRGAKE
30. Dark Sea	IVSRBWDA	QTBWPWAA
31. New Machine	<i>hard only</i>	CEWXYDHA
32. Vortex Queen	WOWTKBDA	KICHPWAA
33. Home Bay [2nd Time]	N/A	N/A
34. Epilogue	GIPZZGBA	YBQETFBA
35. Atlantis	EPODJZHA	ITHUPBIA
36. Fish City	OQTKGDFA	CYQFJSBA
37. City of Forever	WYFTOXKA	EPWXFJA



This one may be a bit tricky, but don't despair. To get a menu for stage select and invincibility, pause the game with Ecco facing you and press A, B, C, B, C, A, C, A and B.

*The* **END**

**NEXT ISSUE: A PLUNGE INTO THE PAST WITH THE ORIGINAL ECCO GAME.**



# TAILS!

## FOX ON THE RUN

Script:  
LEW STRINGER  
Art:  
CARL FLINT  
Coloring:  
MIKE HADLEY  
Lettering:  
STEVE POTTER

Part 3

TAILS IS HELPING TANTRUM THE MOUSE GET BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE. PURSUED BY FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER, THE CAPTURE OF TAILS COULD GAIN HIM A BIG REWARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK...

THOSE DANG CRITTERS MIGHT BE UNDERGROUND BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME, THANKS TO THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER! AH KIN DETECT THEIR BODY HEAT ANYWHERE!

IN THE CAVERNS BELOW, TAILS AND TANTRUM FACE DEADLY DANGER AS THEY FALL TOWARDS A RED-HOT LAVA LAKE!

WHU-? DARN SCANNERS ON TH' BLINK! MUST BE MIGHTY HOT DOWN WHERE TAILS IS!

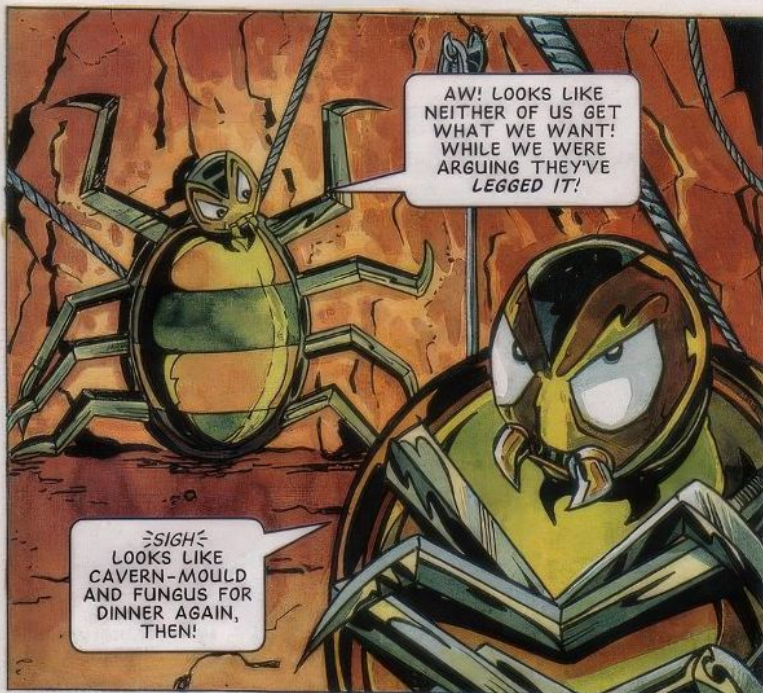
TAILS!  
FLY US OUTTA  
HERE!

UHHH...  
CAN'T ... TOO  
TIRED...







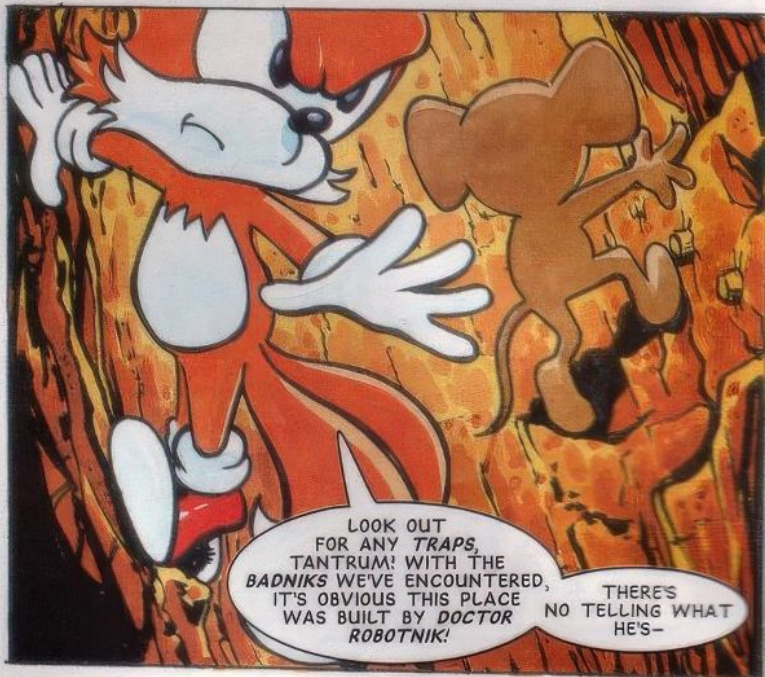




THE COMPANIONS  
WALK ON THROUGH  
THE CAVERNS, UNTIL...

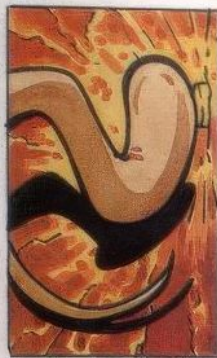
THAT'S OUR  
WAY OUT FOR SURE,  
TANTRUM! WE'LL  
SPOTTED!

TAILS!  
LOOK! DAY-  
LIGHT!

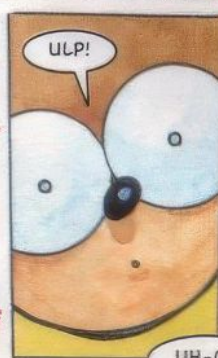


LOOK OUT  
FOR ANY TRAPS,  
TANTRUM! WITH THE  
BADNIKS WE'VE ENCOUNTERED,  
IT'S OBVIOUS THIS PLACE  
WAS BUILT BY DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK!

THERE'S  
NO TELLING WHAT  
HE'S-



CLICK!



ULP!

UH-OH!



THE  
CAVE WALLS!  
THEY'RE CLOSING  
IN!

WAAHH!  
WE'RE GONNA GET  
SQUASHED!

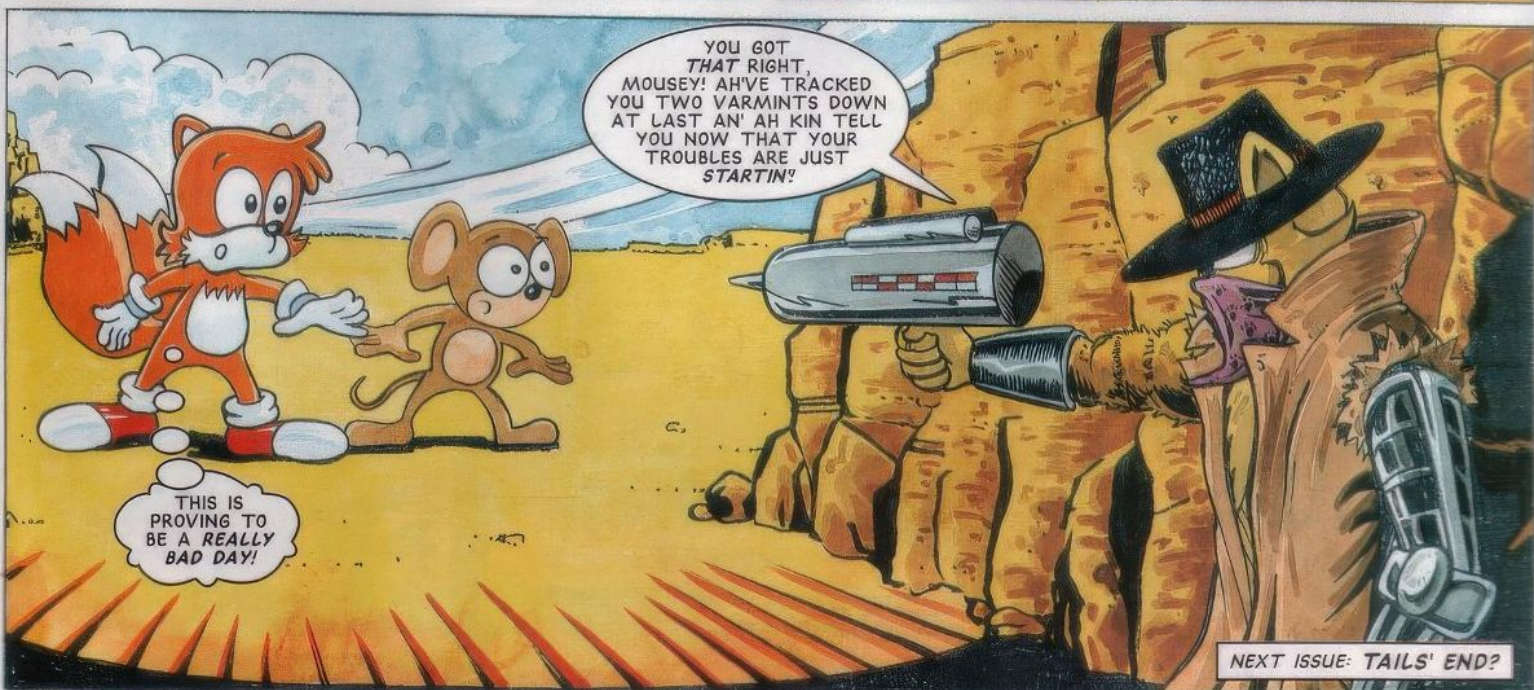
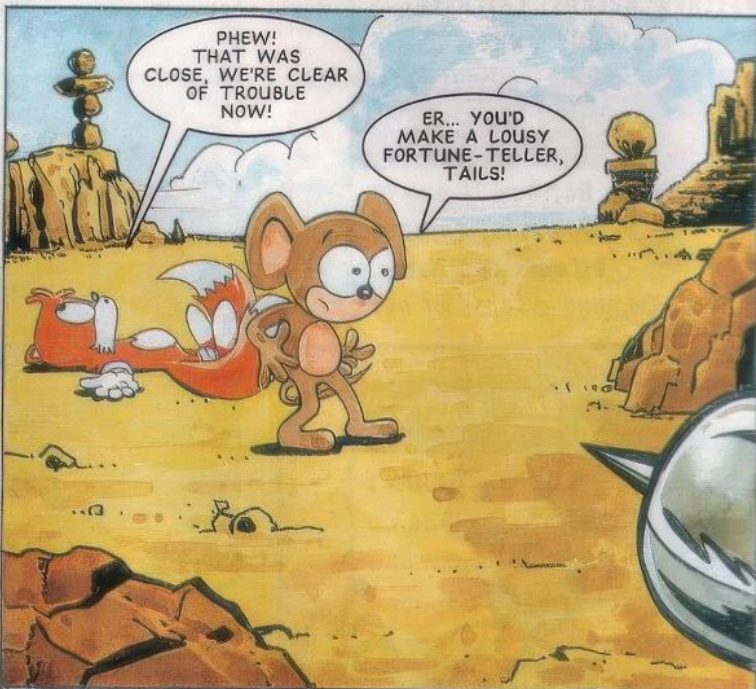
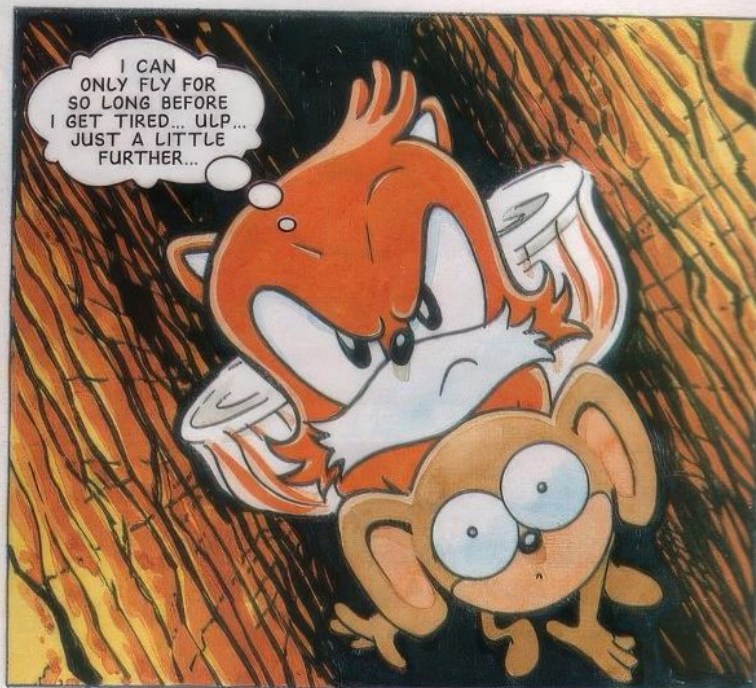
RRUMBLE!



NOT IF  
I CAN HELP  
IT! HOLD  
TIGHT!

YIKES!









# SPEED LINES

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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).

## READER REQUIREMENTS!

Dear Megadroid,

Could you please tell me if it's necessary to own a Sega system in order to read your comic?

Matthew Barnes, Leicester.

Super Nintendo owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



All that's essential, Matthew is an appreciation of mega artwork and good story-telling. Oh, and a sense of humour!



James Day, Peterborough.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Richard McCann, Liverpool, Merseyside.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

## PRAISE THE HEDGEHOG!

Dear Megadroid,

I disagree with Peter Heard who said back in issue 69 that STC was going downhill. I thought, "Hey, dude, get a brain transplant!" STC is great!

Keith Miller, Woking, Surrey.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



My pleasure circuits were given a massive boost by the amount of Boomers who rushed to STC's defence. I believe that had

I been a hume, I'd have been overcome by emotion!

## WISH I WERE THERE!

Dear Megadroid,

I love your Segasational mag and would like to know more about the Planet Mobius. Please could you give me the exact location as I'd arranged to meet up with Sonic and the gang for my holiday.

James McDermott, Kingswinford.

MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



But James, how do I know you're not one of Doctor Robotnik's agents, trying to find Sonic's secret hideout?



Send your e-mail messages to:

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Be sure to include your snail mail (postal) address if you want to win a prize!

**EVERYTHING PRINTED  
IN SPEEDLINES WINS A  
SENSATIONAL  
SEGA SONIC &  
KNUCKLES DISPOSABLE  
CAMERA,  
COMPLETE WITH 27  
FULL-COLOUR FUJI  
EXPOSURES.**

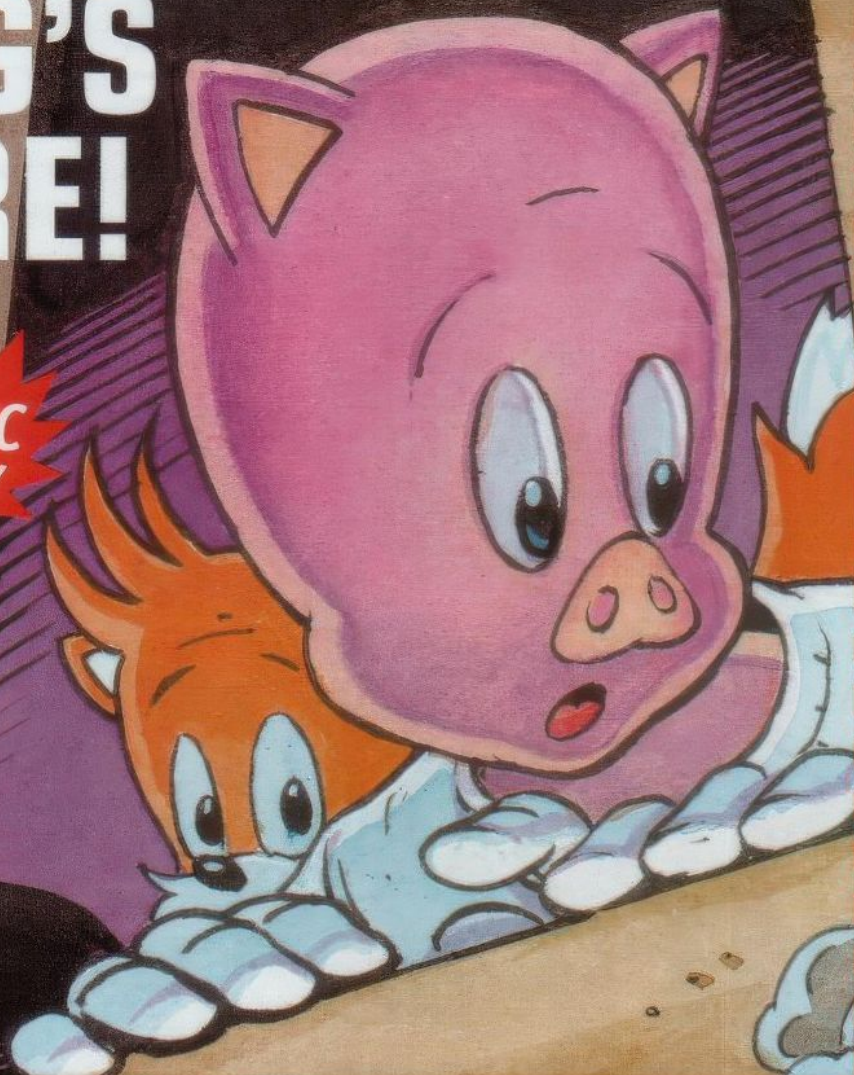




# NEXT ISSUE

## PIG'S 'ERE!

**NEW  
SONIC  
STORY**



**KNUCKLES!**

SLAVE SHIP!

**SHINING FORCE!**

ASSAULT!

**GRAPHIC ZONE!**

ECCENTRICALLY ENGLISH!

**TAILS!**

ALL TIED UP!

**PIN-UP!**

SPIKES BADNIK!

**Q ZONE!**

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**I'VE BEEN READING  
STC SINCE ...**

ISSUE

**MY FAVOURITE ...**

FILM/VIDEO IS .....

BAND/SINGER IS .....

**MY SEGA SYSTEM ...**

TICK:-

GG ☐ MCD ☐ MD ☐

MM ☐ MS ☐ 32X ☐

SATURN ☐

**SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!**

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE .....

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

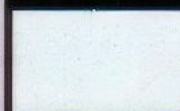
**THIS ISSUE'S  
MEGA HITS!**

1ST CHOICE .....

2ND CHOICE .....

3RD CHOICE .....

**YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 75**



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